Land offered by States for Tourism

1884. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several States have offered to give land at nominal cost to build convention cities proposed in the "action plan" for tourism; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such States and the details of the cost of the land offered?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) In pursuance of National Action Plan for Tourism, a Committee on Convention Tourism has been formed to work out details for setting up Convention complexes with facilities of international standards. The Government of Haryana has proposed a Convention complex at a site in Gurgaon. State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have also offered to set up such convention complexes in their respective States.

Lack of Facilities at Kochi Airport

1885. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kochi Airport, one of the top revenue earner for Indian Airlines, is utterly lacking in the basic facilities and is incapable of accommodating bigger aircraft;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a central team has visited the airport to explore the possibility of locating a suitable place for the construction of a new airport;

(c) if so, when the airport was visited by the Central Team and whether any decision for the construction of the new airport providing adequate basic facilities to the existing airport has been taken by Government; and

(d) if answer to part (b) be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A team of experts visited Cochin airport in the early part of the current year. However, no decision has been taken by the Government so far.

(d) Does not arise.

Adequate terminal building at Ludhiana

1886. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news item appeared in the Tribune of 14th July, 1992 regarding "Punjab Airports Cry for attention";

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to provide adequate terminal building at Sahnewal (Ludhiana) and for extension of the run-way;

(c) whether Punjab Government have been approached to ensure that safety regulations there are not compromised by haphazard industrialisation of the area;

(d) what steps have been taken to develop the air strip near Jalandhar-Kapurthala; and